

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Mr. Speaker, last week we saw new evidence that Americans are becoming increasingly pessimistic about this economy. Two separate measures of consumer attitudes plunged drastically, posting their largest declines in decades.

The impact of the hurricanes was the immediate cause of pessimism, but Americans have never had much confidence in the Bush economy. The President has the worst job creation record since Herbert Hoover. American workers have been left behind in the economic recovery from the 2001 recession.

For the typical worker and household, wages and incomes are not keeping up with the cost of living. The gap between the haves and the have-nots continues to grow and I find that tremendously troubling for our country. This record does not inspire confidence in our economy. We can do better.

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RECOGNIZING NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

(Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BRADLEY of New Hampshire. Mr. Speaker, this morning I rise to recognize National Fire Prevention Week, which is October 9 through October 15. Fire Prevention Week is an opportunity for Americans of all ages to learn more about how to avoid fires and fire injuries and how to respond to them as well.

This year's theme, "Use Candles With Care," reflects how proper use of candles can go a long way in protecting one's home and family from the devastating effects of fires. Candle fires in 2002 alone resulted in an estimated 130 deaths. Fire Prevention Week also serves as the time to honor our brave firefighters for risking their lives every day to protect us. They work tirelessly to educate their fellow citizens about fire safety and the importance of being prepared for emergencies.

I especially would like to recognize the brave and fine firefighters in my home State of New Hampshire for their efforts to make the granite State's community safer. We owe all firefighters a debt of gratitude for their courage and dedication to keeping us out of harm's way. I encourage all my colleagues to take a moment to thank their local first responders for their hard work and to heed the important lessons they impress upon us.

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE RESOLUTION 481, PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3893, GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that House Resolution 481 be considered as amended by striking the number 3983 in each place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof the number 3893.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

PERMITTING INDIVIDUALS TO BE ADMITTED TO HALL OF HOUSE TO OBTAIN FOOTAGE OF HOUSE IN SESSION

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it shall be in order at any time to consider in the House the resolution, H. Res. 480; the resolution shall be considered as read; the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution to its adoption without intervening motion except 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Rules.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to the previous order of the House, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 480) permitting individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House in order to obtain footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 480

Resolved, That the Speaker, in consultation with the minority leader, may designate individuals to be admitted to the Hall of the House and the rooms leading thereto in order to obtain film footage of the House in session for inclusion in the orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) and the gentleman from New York (Ms. SLAUGHTER) each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART).

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this is a very simple resolution which allows the Speaker, in consultation with the minority leader, to allow individuals to be admitted to

the Hall of the House in order to film the House in session for inclusion in an orientation film to be shown to visitors at the Capitol Visitor Center. This resolution is necessary because clause 2(b) of rule IV of the rules of the House provides that the Speaker may not entertain a unanimous consent request or a motion to suspend clause 2 of rule IV, which restricts access to the floor of the House while the House is in session.

Mr. Speaker, I would urge all Members to support this resolution which will provide edification for millions of visitors to our Nation's Capitol.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, we are pleased to support the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, the resolution is considered read and the previous question is ordered.

The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3893, GASOLINE FOR AMERICA'S SECURITY ACT OF 2005

Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART of Florida. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 481 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 481

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3893) to expedite the construction of new refining capacity in the United States, to provide reliable and affordable energy for the American people, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. All points of order against the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce; (2) the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by Representative Stupak of Michigan or his designee, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, and shall be separately debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent; and (3) one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida (Mr. LINCOLN DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 1 hour.